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SUBJECT: TFCMBI: DIPLOMATIC NOTES SENT TO MFA

1. THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE TEXTS OF TWO
DIPLOMATIC NOTES DELIVERED TO THE MFA IN RESPONSE TO
THE SEARCH OF OUR DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES AND THE
STRAFFING OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMPOUNDS:

/ BEGIN TEXT DIP NOTE 236/

NO. 236

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

(0) TERMS THE
SEARCHES OF TWO EMBASSY VEHICLES WHICH WERE DRIVEN BY
DIPLOMATS OF OUR MISSION DURING THE NIGHT OF JUNE
8-9, 1989.

ON JUNE 8, 1989, AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 MIDNIGHT, A
U.S. EMBASSY VAN, DIPLOMATIC LICENSE 224-8028, WAS
RETURNING FROM THE AIRPORT WITH SEVEN DIPLOMATIC
PERSONNEL OF THE MISSION. THE PERSONNEL HAD BEEN AT
THE AIRPORT LATE TO ASSIST A CHARTER CONTINENTAL
AIRLINES FLIGHT WHICH HAD LANDED EARLIER IN THE
EVENING. THE VAN WAS STOPPED AT THE INTERSECTION OF
THE AIRPORT ROAD AND THE THIRD RING ROAD AT GUNPOINT
BY SOLDIERS OF CHINA'S PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY.
IDENTIFICATION WAS EXAMINED OF ALL THE OCCUPANTS AND
THE VAN DOOR WAS OPENED.

A SOLDIER WITH A FLASHLIGHT EXAMINED THE INTERIOR OF
THE VAN, VIOLATING DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL AND
FRIGHTENING THE VAN OCCUPANTS. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY
MINUTES LATER, A U.S. EMBASSY BUS, DIPLOMATIC LICENSE
224-8024, WAS ALSO STOPPED NEAR THE SAME
INTERSECTION. THIS BUS WAS ALSO DRIVEN BY A DIPLOMAT
OF OUR MISSION WHO HAD BEEN ASSISTING THE CONTINENTAL

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FLIGHT CREW AT THE AIRPORT AS WELL. WHILE SEVERAL
GUNS (TWO AK-47S AND ONE 9-MM PISTOL) WERE POINTED IN
HIS FACE AND THAT OF HIS WIFE, THEIR IDENTITY CARDS
AND THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION WERE EXAMINED. A
SOLDIER CHECKED THE INTERIOR AND UNDERCARRIAGE OF THE
BUS WITH A FLASHLIGHT BEFORE THE TWO DIPLOMATS WERE
ALLOWED TO PROCEED.

/ WE WISH TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
THAT THESE VEHICLES WERE TRAVELING FOR DIPLOMATIC
PURPOSE AND DRIVEN BY LICENSED DIPLOMATIC MISSION
PERSONNEL. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA OBJECTS TO THE MISTREATMENT OF OUR DIPLOMATIC
PERSONNEL AND TO THE SEARCH CONDUCTED OF THESE
VEHICLES BY SOLDIERS IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL
PROTOCOLS. WE INSIST ON A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THESE
TWO INCIDENTS.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SEEKS THE
ASSURANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT
THE RIGHTS OF OUR DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES BE PRESERVED.
END TEXT DIP NOTE 236/

/ NOT ONLY IS THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
DISTRESSED OVER THE RISK TO THE LIVES OF OUR
EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, AS WELL AS THE
PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO THE APARTMENTS, IT ALSO IS
CONCERNED ABOUT THE SERIOUS MENTAL STRAIN ITS EMBASSY
PERSONNEL HAVE SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIONS OF
THE PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN
WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF
DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL EVEN THOUGH THIS EMBASSY HAD
BEEN INFORMED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JUST
A SHORT TIME PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT THAT THE SAFETY OF
AMERICAN DIPLOMATS WOULD BE ASSURED. THE MINISTRY

HAD STATED THAT OUR SAFETY COULD BE GUARANTEED AS
LONG AS WE ADHERED TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE MARTIAL
LAW COMMAND. THE TWO SMALL CHILDREN WHO WERE IN
APARTMENT 1-1-71 AT THE TIME IT WAS FIRED ON
OBVIOUSLY HAD NOT VIOLATED ANY PROVISIONS OF THE
MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEMANDS A
FULL ACCOUNTING OF THIS INCIDENT AND WISHES
ASSURANCES THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL
TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE DAMAGE
SUSTAINED. THE EMBASSY TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSURANCES
OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
END TEXT DIP NOTE 235/

2. SUBSEQUENT TO THE FILING OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE 235,
POST DISCOVERED AN ADDITIONAL APARTMENT IN BUILDING
ONE OF THE JIANGUOHENVAI COMPOUND. APARTMENT 1-2-71
WHICH WAS UNOCCUPIED AT THE TIME BUT IS LEASED BY THE
USGOV WAS ALSO STRUCK BY SEVERAL ROUNDS OF RIFLE
FIRE. THE AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED BY OTHER FOREIGN
DIPLOMATS THAT AT LEAST TWO ROUNDS ALSO STRUCK THE
SANLITUN DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND ON THE 4TH AND 6TH
FLOORS OF BUILDING ONE. THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THIS
BUILDING HOUSES APARTMENTS FOR THE DCM AND ECON
COUNSELOR.
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